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Department of Resources and Economic Development

172 Pembroke Road, Concord, NH

Time 9:30 A.M.

FINAL AGENDA

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

II. MINUTES

- A.** Approval of CORD Meeting Minutes of January 3, 2008. Draft minutes distributed by email on February 21, 2008.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Land Conservation Endowment Gifts.** The Fish & Game Dept. and the Dept. of Agriculture will be receiving gifted money for the purpose of providing long-term stewardship monitoring for two conservation easement projects. The intent is for these funds to be accepted by the agencies and transferred into the Land Conservation Endowment to be utilized by OEP's CLS program to provide stewardship monitoring support similar to that for LCIP properties. Each of the agencies would be entering into a Memorandum of Agreement with CORD and OEP to implement this arrangement. The Land Conservation Endowment is administered by CORD under RSA 162-C:8, which gives CORD the authority to accept gifts to monitor and enforce non-LCIP land conservation interests acquired by the State.

ACTION: Request that CORD endorse acceptance of these (and similar) gifts into the endowment, authorize the CLS program to utilize funds from the endowment to carry out stewardship monitoring responsibilities for the associated projects, and to authorize the CORD chair person to sign the associated Memorandum of Agreements with the state agencies on CORD's behalf.

IV. DISPOSAL OF STATE OWNED SURPLUS LAND REVIEW (SLR)

A. JAFFREY

SLR 08-001

Request to exchange the 119-acre Gay State Forest for 9.52 acres of land owned by SPNHF adjacent to Monadnock State Park.

The Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) has identified Gay State Forest in Jaffrey as a suitable property to exchange with the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) for 9.52 acres of land located along Poole Road in order to accomplish the Monadnock Master Plan goal of establishing a new gateway to Monadnock State Park,. Gay State Forest is a difficult-to-manage, 119-acre tract with no permanent state access.

STAFF REPORT

30-day review period ends February 28, 2008

Administrative Services: No comment.

Agriculture, Markets, and Food: No comment.

Division of Historical Resources: No comment.

Education: No objection.

Emergency Services: No comment.

Energy and Planning: No comment.

Environmental Services: The simple exchange of land does not appear to have any environmental impacts. The only concern raised is that it appears that the SPNHF owned parcel by may be further developed (already subdivided) which may result in impacts (wetlands, wastewater, storm water, *etc.*) that may need DES program review in the future. See letter on file.

Fish and Game: No comment.

Housing Finance Authority: No comment.

Health and Human Services: No objection.

Resources and Economic Development: No comment.

Safety: No comment.

Transportation: No comment.

Lakes Management Advisory Committee: Not applicable.

Rivers Management Advisory Committee: No objection with the understanding that Gay State Forest is permanently protected. See letter on file.

Public Waters Access Advisory Board: No comment.

State Conservation Committee: No objection.

Town of Jaffrey: No comment.

ACTION: Formal vote required.

B. LACONIA

SLR 08-002

Request to lease approximately 48 acres of land to Belknap County Conservation District for a period of 25 years with an option for an additional 25 years.

DRED has received a request from Belknap County Conservation District for a long term use agreement at Opechee Bay State Forest in Laconia. They desire to make improvements to the land, access road, parking, and other garden related improvements. Most of the grants that could fund these projects require a long term commitment on the part of the landowner.

STAFF REPORT

30-day review period ends March 20, 2008

Administrative Services: No comment.

Agriculture, Markets, and Food: No comment.

Division of Historical Resources: No comment.

Education: No objection.

Emergency Services: No comment.

Energy and Planning: No comment.

Environmental Services: DES suggests that continued use of these lands incorporate appropriate agricultural best management practices (BMPs) to prevent contaminated storm water runoff from the disturbed areas on the property into Opechee Bay, potentially degrading its surface water quality. If the improvements proposed trigger either a DES Alteration of Terrain Permit or a Standard Dredge and Fill Permit, the application process should be discussed with program staff before any work is initiated. Finally, any work to be carried out in the vicinity of onsite municipal sewer infrastructure should be conducted in a manner that protects the integrity of that system (e.g., contacting DigSafe, the DES Wastewater Engineering Bureau, Winnepesaukee River Basin Program, or the City of Laconia Public Works Department). See letter on file.

Fish and Game: No comment.

Housing Finance Authority: No comment.

Health and Human Services: No objection.

Resources and Economic Development: No comment.

Safety: No comment.

Transportation: No comment.

Lakes Management Advisory Committee: Recommends disposal with the understanding that the BCCD should contact the Fish and Game Department regarding mowing and management activities affecting wildlife. See letter on file.

Rivers Management Advisory Committee: Not applicable.

Public Waters Access Advisory Board: No comment.

State Conservation Committee: The SCC supports the lease but urges the NH Department of Resources and Economic Development to consult with the NH Fish and Game Department on the proposed management activities relative the wildlife habitat. See letter on file.

City of Laconia: No comment.

ACTION: Formal vote requested.

C. PIERMONT

SLR 08-003

Request to exchange for land of equal value with the USFS in town of Franconia

DRED is working with the US Forest Service (USFS) on a land trade involving Sentinel Mountain State Forest in Piermont and a parcel of the White Mountain National Forest in Franconia Notch. DRED would like to acquire a portion of USFS land at the summit of the old Mittersill Ski Area to enhance Cannon Mountain Ski Area. To facilitate the acquisition, DRED is proposing a trade of land of equal value, offering Sentinel Mountain State Forest to USFS because it harbors a portion of the Appalachian Trail. The amount of Sentinel Mountain State Forest to be exchanged is unknown at this time due to ongoing property appraisals.

STAFF REPORT

30-day review period ends March 28, 2008

Administrative Services: No comment.

Agriculture, Markets, and Food: No comment.

Division of Historical Resources: No comment.

Education: No comment.

Emergency Services: No comment.

Energy and Planning: No comment.

Environmental Services: No comment.

Fish and Game: No comment.

Housing Finance Authority: No comment.

Health and Human Services: No objection.

Resources and Economic Development: No comment.

Safety: No comment.

Transportation: No comment.

Lakes Management Advisory Committee: Not applicable.

Rivers Management Advisory Committee: Not applicable.

Public Waters Access Advisory Board: No comment.

State Conservation Committee: No comment.

Town of Piermont: No comment.

ACTION: Formal vote requested.

D. NASHUA

SLR 08-004

Request to grant a Deed of Easement of 14,853 SF of land to Pennichuck Water Works on the east side of Daniel Webster Highway

The Adjutant General's Department requests to grant a Deed of Easement for an existing water main constructed in 1997 and for future construction of a Water Booster Station on the southerly side of the NH Army National Guard Armory Property. A condition will be placed in the sale that if evidence for an archeological site is found during subsurface disturbance of the parcel, work should be halted and the State Archaeologist at the Division of Historical Resources (NHDHR) should be contacted for site inspection and investigation.

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Administrative Services: No comment.

Agriculture, Markets, and Food: No comment.

Division of Historical Resources: No comment.

Education: No comment.

Emergency Services: No comment.

Energy and Planning: No comment.

Environmental Services: No comment.

Fish and Game: No comment.

Housing Finance Authority: No comment.

Health and Human Services: No objection.

Resources and Economic Development: No comment.

Safety: No comment.

Transportation: No comment.

Lakes Management Advisory Committee: Not applicable.

Rivers Management Advisory Committee: Not applicable.

Public Waters Access Advisory Board: No comment.

State Conservation Committee: No comment.

City of Nashua: No comment.

ACTION: Formal vote requested.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. HB710 Study Commission.** Update on the commission to study issues relative to the practice of leasing state-owned real estate on the shores of public waters and the subcommittee's progress to compile state agency map and associated data of land holdings in proximity to water bodies.
- B. Legislative Update.** HB 1349, sponsored by Representative Richard Snow, will allow current CORD members to appoint a designee with the authority to vote. The bill will also remove the representative from the "division of emergency services, communications, and management" from CORD membership, thus eliminating dual representation from the Department of Safety.
- C. Enabling Source Water Protection.** New Hampshire was selected as one of three states to participate in a unique project to align State water quality protection and land use programs and policies to better protect drinking water sources. In preliminary discussions, CORD has been identified as a potential vehicle for coordinating existing and future programs. On March 3, 2008, a kick-off meeting was held at DES where invitees from around the State gathered with national partners like The Trust for Public Land, the Smart Growth Leadership Institute, and the US Environmental Protection Agency to formally initiate the program.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. CORD 2008 PROPOSED MEETING SCHEDULE

May 1, 2008
July 3, 2008
September 4, 2008
November 6, 2008

All meetings will be held at the Office of Energy and Planning, 4 Chenell Drive, 2nd Floor, Concord, NH, unless otherwise noted. Meetings begin at 9:30 AM.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT